# DAMON

AND

## PHILLIDA.

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## Dramatis Personæ.

Arcas, A Nobleman of great Posses Mr. Winstone.

Ægon, His Friend,

Mr. Cole.

Corydon, An old Shephord

Cimon, and Mopfus,

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Mr. Turbutt.

Mr. Millar.

Mr. Oates.

Damon, An Inconstant,

Mr. Stoppelaer.

Phillida, Daughter to Corydon,

Mrs. Clive.

SCENE, The Arcadian Fields.



## DAMON

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## PHILLIDA.

#### SCENE I.

ARCAS, ÆGON.

ÆGON.



HIS way I fee old Corydon advancing:
He comes, by my Appointment, to complain
Of fome Abuse that's offer'd to his Daughter;
And hopes, that your Authority will right
him.

Arc. 'Tis true! fomewhat of this Pastora told me. Ag. He's here, with all the Parties, to attend you.

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### SCENE II.

Enter Corydon, Phillida, Cimon, Mopsus, Damon, and other Shepherds.

Cor. May all our Gods preserve the noble Arcas,
Lord of our Lands and Flocks
Arc. — Good Neighbours, welcome
What feems amiss, that may concern your Welfare?
Cor. Ah! my good Lord, I have no Skill to speech in
But Grief at Heart will always find a Tongue.
My Lord, this home-bred Maid I call my Daughter,
She's all I have, and all my Hope; now I
Would gladly see her well dispos'd in Marriage:
And, that she might not die a Maid, unask'd,
I have declar'd one half of what I have
Her Dow'r, in present; at my Death, the rest.
'Tis true, 'tis little; but still, the Half is Half!
Now here, so please you, I have found her out
A Pair of wholsome Youths, to take her Choice of:
Brothers they be, Sons of my Neighbour Dorus;
This is call'd Cimon, and the younger Moffus;
Their Means, and Manners, fuit her Breeding well,
And both profess their Hearts are set upon her.
Cim. Yes, and please you, both cruelly in Love.
(Half crying.
Cor. Nay pr'ythee, Cimon, let me tell my Story.
Arc. A little Patience, Friend —
That Fool, my Brother's always in the Wrong!
Cor. Fy! fy! Mopfus! now thou art worse than he.
Arc. On with thy Tale
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Cim. Well, well! I've done: But I'm fure it's true

Cor. So nothing now will down with her but Damon. And what will Damon do? Why, ruin her? The Lamb that's in the hungry Fox's Mouth, Has little Hope to scape being made his Breakfast: For he declares, he ne'er intends to marry, And openly defies my Power to force him. A hard Defiance to a tender Father! Now, good my Lord! 'tis true you're not our King, And therefore none are bound, by Law, to obey you: But you've a stronger Tie o'er us, our Hearts. And the great Good you do us every Day, Will make your Word go farther than a Law: So if your Pity think my Case is hard, I leave the Manner how, to your great Wisdom; And hope your Goodness will prevent a Father's Sorrow.

Arc. Thy Grief, good Corydon, I take to Heart, And, to my poor Extent of Power, will ferve thee. But hear me now, what others may reply. Damon, thou'ft heard this good old Man's Complaint; Why hast thou dallied with this Maid's Affection? What shall I say I've done to right his Daughter?

Dam,

Dam. Why, let the Damsel please herself, my Lord; If she's dispos'd to marry, there's her Choice. If to make Life a Frolick — Here's her Man. Cor. You fee, Sir, I have not accus'd her falfly. Arc. 'Tis true.

Well, my good Friends - I hope what you propofe [To Cim. and Mop.

Will shew your Hearts are of an honest Mold. There stands the Maid; if you have ought to urge, That may prefer your Hopes to Damon's, Take this Occasion to avow your Love:

You have her Father's Wish, and my Protection.

Cim. Ah! Sir, an' like you, I have no Heart to fpeak :.

She flouts, and glowts at me, from Morn to Night. See how the looks now! 'caufe the can't avoid me.

Arc. Take Courage, Man; 'tis but her Maiden Shy-

Cim. D'ye think fo, Sir? Why then I will take Heart!

If an old Song will do the Thing, have at her.

#### IR I.

There's not a Savain, On the Plain, Would be bleft as I, O could you but, could you but on me Smile: But you appear So fevere, That trembling with Fear, My Heart goes fit-a-fat! fit-a-pat! all the while!

When I cry, Must I die?

You

You make no Reply,

But look shy,

And with a scornful Eye,

Kill me with your Cruelty:

How can you be, can you be,

How can you be so hard to me?

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Ah! poor Cimon, thou art ne'er the nearer!

Not all thy Sighs, nor Songs, nor Sobs can move her!

[Crying.

Cor. You fee, my Lord, the Lad, tho' fearful, in His Heart is honeftly dispos'd however.

Arc. Perhaps she may be more inclin'd to Mopfus.

Æg. Come, Mopfus, now for thee, thy heart seems chearful.

Mop. Ay! 'twas always fo: I love to laugh,
Let things go how they will: Why let her frown!
As long as Cimon's us'd as ill as I,
It gives one's Mind a little Ease however!
Happen as 'twill, I shall have him to laugh at.
Cor. Ah! Sir. we need Swains have but homely W.

Cor. Ah! Sir, we poor Swains have but homely Words To fpeak our Minds; but what we fay we ftand to.

Arc. An honest principle: Now my good Friend,

Let us inquire into thy Daughter's Heart: For that must guide us—

Which is the Swain comes nearest to thy Heart?

Phill. Since I am forc'd to speak the Truth, my Lord,
I own my Heart has play'd a simple Game;
I know my Father's Kindness means me well,
And I could wish I had the power to please him;
But I am loth to lead a savage Life:
And sure! these Lads were woful Company.

Cim.

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Cim. O fcornful Maid! my Heart will burst with Grief! [Cries.

Mop. Hoh! hoh! poor Cimon's in a bitter taking!

Phill. 'Twere hard to choose, from such extremes of Folly!

Damon, with all his Infidelities,
Seems not to me, Sir, half fo terrible!
And I am more than much afraid I love him!
'Tis true, I know him fickle, false, and faithless!
And I have try'd a thousand, thousand times,
To shut him from my Thoughts, but 'twill not do!
Whene'er my Heart is open, in he comes!
Again submits, and is again forgiven!
Again I love, and am again forsaken!
Yet still he fools me on; and when he's absent,
With Sighs, and Songs, I thus relieve my Folly.

#### AIR II.

O Mother! a Hoop.

I.

What Woman could do, I have try'd, to be free

Yet do all I can,

I find I love him, and tho' he flies me,

Still, still he's the Man.

They tell me, at once, he to twenty will swear:

When Vows are so sweet, who the Falshood can fear?

So, when you have said all you can,

Still—fill he's the Man.

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II.

I caught him once making Love to a Maid,

When to him I ran,

He turn'd, and he kis'd me, then who could upbraid

So civil a Man?

The next Day I found to third he was kind,

I rated him foundly; he swore I was blind;

So let me do what I can,

Still——still he's the Man.

III.

All the World bids me beware of his Art:

I do what I can;

But he has taken such hold of my Heart,

I doubt he's the Man!

So sweet are his Kisses, his Looks are so kind,

He may have his Faults, but if I none can find,

Who can do more than they can?

He—still is the Man.

Arc. Take Comfort, Corydon; all yet may mend: Thy Daughter's frank Confession of her Love Persuades me of her guarded Innocence! And tho' licentious Damon may deserve Severe Reproof; yet for the Maiden's sake (For what he suffers, her fond Heart will feel) We will not harden him by Punishment, But rather tempt him by Reward, to Virtue. Of this bad Matter make we then the best. If therefore, Damon, thou, or any Swain, By Suit, or Service of his Love, can woo And win this gentle Maid to be his Bride,

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The Dow'r which her kind Father has declar'd, Myself will double, on her Marriage-Day, And give him, with her Hand, my farther Favour.

Cor. May all the Gods preserve the bounteous Arcas. A double Portion! Now my honest Lads,
There's brave Encouragement to warm your Hearts!
Now shew your Skill, and who's the featest Fellow,
Now sing and dance her down to your desires!
Now, Phillida, let faithless Damon see
What Love and Honesty have gain'd by Truth:

And what his Pranks have loft by Wickedness. Phill. Dishonesty shall never gain on me.

Mop. A double Dowry, Cimon; now's our Time! Cim. Ay, but I'm tender-hearted; my poor Hopes Will never bloffom, while she looks so frosty!

Cor. Learn of thy Brother, Lad; thou seest he knows No Fear, nor Grief: Up with thy Heart, and at her. Cim. Well then, since you encourage me, I will.

Cor. Well faid, my Boy!

Arc. ——Come, Corydon.

Now let us leave these Lovers free to woo,
And he that first subduing, and subdued,
Comes Hand in Hand, to ask her Bridal Dow'r,
In farther Token of my Love, myself
Will crown him with a Chaplet, worth his wearing.

Mop. - Live the noble Arcas.

[Exeunt Arcas and Ægon.

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#### SCENE III.

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Tell me, Philly, tell me roundly,

When you will your Heart furrender?

Cim. Faith and Troth! I love thee wound'ly,

And I was the first Pretender.

Mop. Of us Boys,

Cim. Take the Choice:

Phill. How harsh and tedious is the Voice Of Love, from any but the Voice desir'd!

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### AIR IV.

While you both pretend a Passion,
'Twould be cruel to chuse either;
To preserve your Inclination,
I must kindly fix on neither.
To be just, — I now must
Make yours, and yours be equal Cases;
Therefore pray,
From this Day,
I never may behold your Faces.

Now be filent; if Damon be inclin'd To speak, his turn is next, you've had your Answer. Mop. Well! let him speak! mayhap your Face May get as little good from him, as ours From you; 'tisn't every Man will marry you; Don't cry, Cimon; it only makes her prouder. Cim. She has given me fuch a Kick o' the Heart, I shall never recover it-Phill. . -Hark thee, Cimon! I like thee better than thy Brother far. Cim. O! the gracious! do you truly, and truly? Phill. I'll give thee Proof this Instant! take him hence, And keep him from my Sight, an Hour at least. And when thou feest me next, come thou without him. Cim. Give me thy Hand on't-Phill. --Hush! not now, they'll see us. Away with him-Cim. A Word's enough-I'll do't Come, Mopfus, come away --- for I have a thing. And fuch a thing to tell thee, Boy-Mor. What ails the Fool? Thou'rt mad! -----Mad! Ay, and fo would you Cim. ---Be too, were my Case yours; but come away. Mop. Nay, not so fast, good Cimon-Faster, Mopfus, faster. [Cimon burries off Mopfus.

#### SCENE IV.

Dam. My charming Creature! this was kindly done!

Never was Favour, to a Fool, fo well

Diffembled.———

Phill. Yes, I have learn'd from you, Diffembling.

And you'll again diffemble to reward me.

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Dam. Why fo fuspicious, Phillida? Don't I love thee? Why all this Bustle at my Heart, when thus I touch thy Hand, or gaze upon thy Eyes! Give me thy Lips and see how thou'rt mistaken.

Phill No. Damen: Lips are but liquorish Proofs.

Phill. No, Damon; Lips are but liquorish Proofs Of Love, and thine too often have deceiv'd me.

#### AIR V.

Dam.

Away with Suspicion,

That Bane to Desire;

The Heart that loves truly, all Danger desies;

The Rules of Discretion

But stifle the Fire;

On its Merit alone, true Beauty relies.

What a Folly to tremble
Left the Lower dissemble
His Fire?
Turtles that woo,
Bill and coo:
While we enjoy
We must be true!
And to repeat it, is all,
All! we can desire.
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#### AIR VI.

Phill. While you pursue me,
Thus to undo me,
Sure Ruin lies in all you say,
To bring your Toying

Up to Enjoying,

Call first the Priest, and name the Day;

Then, then name the Day.

Lasses are willing
As Lads, for billing,
When Marriage Vows are kindly press,
Let holy Father
Tie us together
Then bill your sest, and bill your best s
Then, then bill your best.

Dam. What! not a Hand, a Lip, for old Acquaintance, Not one poor Sample of the Grain, my Dear, Unless I make a Purchase of the whole?

Phill. No, Damon! now 'tis time to end our Fooling.

Confent to wed me, or forbear to love.

Dam. What! doft think to starve me into Marriage? Phill. I'll starve myself, but I'll avoid thy Falshood! Graze where thou wilt, I'll feed no ranging Lovers.

Dam. No—nor I won't be pounded, while I can leap A Hedge: So keep your Grass for Calves to graze on. I need not go a Mile for Pasture, Dame,

And good as any Meal that you can make me.

Phill. Do, leave me, do, and prove thyself a Traitor?

Faithless, inhumane Damon!

Dam.

Dam. — Mighty well!
This double Dow'r, I find, has turn'd thy Brain!
And thou would'st make me madder than thyself!
A Husband! Death! a Mill-horse, what, to grind,
And grind, in one poor hopeless Round of Life!
To-day, to-morrow, and to-morrow still
To plod the Path I trod the Day before!
O! methinks I feel the Collar on my Shoulders!

Phill. Abandon'd Damon! now I begin to hate thee.

Dam. I'm glad, Phillida, that you'll speak your Mind!
Some Girls will fool you on till one's Heart akes.
But fince I know your Play, forsooth, hang lag,
Say I, and so farewel, my Mistress.

#### A I R VII.

I'll range around the shady Bow'rs.

Dam. Ill range the World, where Freedom reigns, And scatter Love around the Plains.

Phill. I'll starve my Love, and rather part, Than yield my Hand to fool my Heart.

Dam. The Frowns of this, I ne'er take ill:

Where one denies, there's two that will.

Phill. Since Maids by Kindness are undone, Adieu, Mankind; Ill sigh for none.

Dam. No frozen Lass shall hold me long.

Phill. No Swain, that's false, my Love shall wrong.

Dam. Farewel! farewel \_\_\_\_ 'tis time to part.

Phill. Thus from thy Hold, I tear my Heart.

Both. Farewel! farewel, &c. [Exit Phillida. Manet Damon.

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Dam. How could the Gipsey muster such a Spirit? The Pertness of her Pride has so provok'd me, I shall never rest in my Bed, till she Lies by me.

#### A I R VIII.

At Noon, in a fultry, &c.

Dam. Around the Plains my Heart has row'd;
The Brown, the Fair, my Flames approv'd:
The Pert, the Proud, by turns have low'd;
And kindly fill'd my Arms.
I danc'd, I fung, I talk'd, I toy'd;
While this I woo'd, I That enjoy'd,
And cre the Kind, with Kindness cloy'd,
The Coy resign'd her Charms.

But now, alas! these Days are done:
The wrong'd are all reveng'd by One,
Who, like a frighted Bird, is slown,
Yet leaves her Image here.
O could I, yet, her Heart recal;
Before her Feet my Pride would fall,
And, for her sake, forsaking all,
Would six for ever there.

Here she comes again, and with her—ha——Her Father! soft——I'm out of Favour there!
Lie close a while, and mark what Nail's a driving.

[Retires.

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#### SCENE V.

Enter Corydon, with Phillida.

Cor. And I fay, think no more of him-Phill.--That's hard! Is't not enough I fee him not? Cor. --I fay. Avoid him as the wildest Beast of Prey! He uses Girls like Carrion: Not the Wolf In a Sheepfold, or hungry Fox on Poultry, Can make more Havock, than that wicked Rogue Among the Wenches Hearts .--That must be me! Behind. But what fays Phillida? Phill. . - Suppose this true! Yet could he, still, be wrought to marry me! Cor. My Patience! has he not refus'd to marry? Phill. And therefore I've declar'd against his Love, Cor. Ay, ay, but still he lurks within your Heart ! And 'till you drive him thence--I strive to do it; Phill. -And if you knew the Pain, you'd pity me.

#### A I R IX. Bush aboon Traquair.

A thousand ways, to wean my Heart,
I've try'd, yet can't remove him.

And tho' for Life I've sworn to part,
For Life I find I love him.

Still should the Dear false Man return,
And with new Vows pursue me,

His statt'ring Tongue would kill my Scorn,
And still, I sear undo me.

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Cor.

Cor. Confider, Philly, if thour't fairly married, (And thou hast choice of Cimon, or of Mopfus): How happy will thy double Dowry make thee? Phill. I do consider, Father; so should you! As a low Fortune, with the Man I love, Can't make me rich; so Riches with the Man I hate, can't make me happy——

O! I could eat thy very Lips, that spoke it. Bebind.

Cor. See! yonder's Cimon coming! For my sake,

Dear Phillida, give him at least a Smile;

A little Love endur'd, may teach the Boy.

In time, to please thee -

Phill. ——Well! fince you defire it.
But Mopfus has the fame Pretentions too.
Send him to make his equal Claim,
And, 'till he's found, I'll hear what Cimon fays.

Cor. Ah! Phillida, thou gain'st my Heart. I'll fend him. [Exit.

Dam. Now shall I measure, by their Hopes, my own.

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#### SCENE XI.

To ber Cimon, finging.

#### AIR X.

Cim. Behold, and see thy wounded Lover!

Whose Truth from thee will ne'er depart!

O let my Tears at length discover

One gentle Smile to heal my Heart!

Phill. Were in the World no Man but Cimon,

None of the Female Kind but I,

With me should end the Name of Woman,

With thee the Race of Man should die.

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Cim. O cruel Sound! false-hearted Phillida!
Didst thou not say thou lov'st me better than
My Brother Mopsus?

Phill. ——Yes, but 'twas,
As of two Evils, I would choose the least;
Stay, 'till I'm bound to choose, and then reproach me,
Thy Crying makes me laugh, his Laughing makes
Me sleep.——There's all the hopeful Difference.

#### AIR XI. Phillida flouts me.

Cim. O what a Plague is Love!

I cannot bear it:

What Life so curst can prove,

Or Pain can come near it!

When I would tell my Mind,

My Heart misdoubts me;

Or when I speak I find

With Scorn she routs me.

In wain is all I say,

Her Answer still is Nay:

O dismal, doleful Day!

Phillida stouts me.

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Enter Mopfus finging.

#### AIR XII. One long Whit fon Holiday.

Mop. Ah! poor Cimon! Dud a cry!

Well-a-day! wipe an Eye! O fije, Phillida!

To treat him so scornfully,

Shamefully, mournfully!

Phillida, fige!

Phill. No, no, no, Sir Pert, and Dull!
Simpleton, Paperskull! I for ever shall

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Think thee far the greater Fool!
Therefore will give thee Cause
With him to cry.

Cim. Toll, loll, loll! -Now I pray,

Who has Cause most to cry, ah! well-a-day?

Mop. What care I! why let her scoff,

I can laugh; play her off, better than you.

Ah, poor Mopfus, thour't a Fool!

Mop. I fay, you're a greater Owl.

Cim. Nay, now I'm fure that's a Lye.

Mop. What's a Lye?-

Cim. That's a Lye!

Mop. I fay, 'tis true.

Cim.

#### AIR XIII. Cruel, cruel, tyrannizing.

Phill. Give over your Love, you great Loobies,
I hate you both, you Sir, and you too:
Did ever a Brace of fuch Boobies
The Lass that detest them, pursue?

Mop. How!

Phill. —Go!—

Cim. —Oh! I'm ready to faint!

How are you? [To Mopfus.

Mop. Why truly she treats us but so, so.

For my Part I think she's a Devil.

A Woman would scorn for to do so.

Cim. O fye, fye! fuch Words are uncivil.

Phill. Prepare then, to bear my last Sentence.

Before I'd wed either, much rather

I'd stand on the Stool of Repentance,

And want for my Bantling a Father.

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Cim. -Oh! Woe! I'm ready to faint;

Mop. And I too.

Was ever a Slut so inhuman?
Odsooks, let us take down her Mettle!

Cim. I dare not-

Mop. Let me come—pshaw waw, Man, She only has water'd a Nettle.

In short, this won't do, Mrs. Vixen!
For one of us two you must choose,
Then you are the Man that I six on;

And you—are the Fool I refuse.

[Strikes each a Box on the Ear.

Cim. Waunds!

Phill.

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Go!-

Cim.
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Go!—The Devil would fly such a Spouse.
Mop.

Phill. If there's a Joy comes near recovering those We love, fure 'tis to silence those we hate.

When Cimon and Mopfus are gone, Damon presents himfelf to Phillida, singing.

#### A I R XIV. Dutch Skipper.

Dam. See! behold, and fee!

With an Eye, kind and relenting,

Damon, now, repenting,

Only true to thee;

Content to love, and love for Life!

Phill.

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Phill. If you, now fincere,

With an honest Declaration

Mean to prove your Passion,

To the Purpose swear,

And make, at once, a Maid a Wife.

Dam. Thus, for Life, I take thee,

Never to forfake thee,

Soon or late, I find our Fate,

To Hearts aftray, Directs the Way,

And brings, to lafting Joys, the Rover home.

Phill. Ever kind and tender,

Conquer'd, I surrender:

Prove but true — As I, to you,

Each kindling Kiss — Shall add a Bliss,

That only, from the constant Lip, can move.

AIR XV. Second Part of the Dutch Skipper.

Dam. To the Priest away, to bind our Vows,

With our Hands and Hearts united

Phill. To reduce the Rover to lawful Spouse,

Is a Triumph, my Heart has delighted.

Dam. If I never could fix,
'Twas the Fault of the Sex,

Who eafily yielding, were eafy to cloy,

But in Love we fill find,

When the Heart's well inclin'd,

In One, only One, is the Joy.

But in Love, &c.

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